

Comparisons of Job Characteristics

Focus Occupation: **Economists (19-3011)**

Associated Occupation: **Operations Research Analysts (15-2031)**

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<<	Focus occupation element is much lower
<	Focus occupation element is lower
0	Focus occupation element is at a similar level
>	Focus occupation element is at a higher level
>>	Focus occupation element is at a much higher level

Knowledge

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 65

Focus Occupation: Economists (19-3011)

Associated Occupation: Operations Research Analysts (15-2031)

Associated Occupation's Key Knowledge Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Mathematics	9.2	24.4	17.9	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Computers and Electronics	8.4	15.0	14.4	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Engineering and Technology	5.7	14.2	2.9	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Administration and Management	8.4	11.9	11.5	0	Current knowledge level may be sufficient
Production and Processing	6.0	11.3	3.0	<<	Extensive education and/or training may be required
Economics and Accounting	4.4	8.0	17.7	>>	Current knowledge level is likely more than sufficient

The maximum possible rating is 25.

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis Section analysis of O*NET (Occupation Information Network) data.

Skills

Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 90

Focus Occupation: Economists (19-3011)

Associated Occupation: Operations Research Analysts (15-2031)

Associated Occupation's Key Skills Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating		Evaluation of Focus Occupation
Mathematics	6.2	16.9	12.3	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Complex Problem Solving	9.1	15.4	13.0	<	A higher skill level may be required
Critical Thinking	10.8	15.2	13.6	<	A higher skill level may be required
Systems Evaluation	6.4	15.1	9.7	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Systems Analysis	6.5	14.5	11.5	<	A higher skill level may be required

Judgment and Decision Making	9.4	14.2	12.0	<	A higher skill level may be required
Active Learning	8.7	13.6	11.4	<	A higher skill level may be required
Operations Analysis	5.0	13.5	9.1	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Science	4.5	11.3	5.6	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required
Programming	2.2	5.8	1.9	<<	Extensive development of skills in this area may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Abilities		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 96			
Focus Occupation: Economists (19-3011)					
Associated Occupation: Operations Research Analysts (15-2031)					
Associated Occupation's Key Abilities Elements	Average Rating, All Occupations	Associated Occupation's Rating	Focus Occupation's Rating	Evaluation of Focus Occupation	
Mathematical Reasoning	6.3	17.3	11.6	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Written Comprehension	11.0	15.7	14.5	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Number Facility	6.3	15.1	11.3	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Deductive Reasoning	10.6	15.0	13.2	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Written Expression	9.8	14.5	15.7	0	Current ability level may be sufficient
Inductive Reasoning	10.2	14.2	12.5	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Fluency of Ideas	7.6	13.3	10.1	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required
Originality	7.6	11.9	9.6	<	Some improvement in abilities may be required
Category Flexibility	9.0	11.5	7.9	<<	Extensive improvement in abilities may be required

The maximum possible rating is 25.

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Activities that Both Occupations Have in Common		Similarity of Focus Occupation to Associated Occupation: 84
Focus Occupation: Economists (19-3011) Associated Occupation: Operations Research Analysts (15-2031)		
Work Activities	Exclusivity of Activity	
Advise clients or customers	19	
Advise governmental or industrial personnel	28	
Analyze scientific research data or investigative findings	27	

Collect scientific or technical data	30
Collect statistical data	47
Communicate technical information	4
Compile numerical or statistical data	38
Confer with research personnel	50
Create mathematical or statistical diagrams or charts	43
Develop or maintain databases	30
Develop tables depicting data	33
Direct and coordinate scientific research or investigative studies	27
Explain complex mathematical information	30
Make presentations	13
Perform statistical modeling	76
Plan scientific research or investigative studies	48
Prepare reports	8
Prepare technical reports or related documentation	22
Provide expert testimony on research results	66
Recommend further study or action based on research data	60
Use computers to enter, access or retrieve data	3
Use knowledge of investigation techniques	16
Use library or online Internet research techniques	21
Use mathematical or statistical methods to identify or analyze problems	30
Use quantitative research methods	35
Use relational database software	26
Use scientific research methodology	21
Use spreadsheet software	18
Use word processing or desktop publishing software	17
Write scholarly or technical research papers	36

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily perform all of the listed activities. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the activity is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations engage in that activity.

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Tools and Technologies that Both Occupations Have in Common

Similarity of Focus
Occupation to Associated
Occupation: 94

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Associated Occupation: Operations Research Analysts (15-2031)

Tools and Technologies	Exclusivity
Business function specific software	1
Computers	1
Content authoring and editing software	1
Data management and query software	1
Development software	4
Finance accounting and enterprise resource planning ERP software	2
Industry specific software	1
Information exchange software	1

Not all positions in these occupations will necessarily use all of the listed tools and technologies. The exclusivity rating is an indication of how unique the tool or technology is amongst all occupations. The maximum rating is 100. High scores indicate that only a small number of occupations use that tool or technology.

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